

## REMARKS

### *Status of the Claims*

Claims 2, 6, 12, 35-37, 39-40, 51, 65, 70, 72, 81-82, 95-101 and 114 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 13, 16-17, 23, and 86 are hereby amended.

Thus, claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 13-34, 38, 41-50, 52-64, 66-69, 71, 73-80, 83-94, and 102-113 are currently pending in this application.

The Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

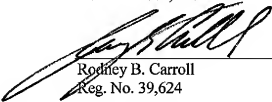
Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claim 38, 41-50, 52-64, 66-69, 71, 73-80, 83-85, 103, 104, 112, and 113. Applicants further note with appreciation that claim 13-17, 23-31, 101, 106, 108, 109, and 114 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitation of allowable claim 101. Claims 13, 16, 17, and 23 have been rewritten as independent claims. Claim 86 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 114. Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by the Applicants. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2007 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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